

Sheffield Cultural Council Meeting
Monday October 19, 2020
Telephone meeting

Present: Abby Webster, Amy Rudnick, Hilary Russell, Hester Velmans, Mary Ellen O’Brien, Gillian Hettinger, and Brece Honeycutt.
Absent: Marcia Brolli

- The Council convened at 9:30 AM
- The August 7 minutes were approved.
- We reviewed and voted on the grantees requests for rollovers, more time to compete their event, and a mitigation
 - Jane Burke should be finished her pottery course and hopes to complete the science program “in a few weeks.”
 - Audubon seems to be working in segments and aims to complete the program by the end of the year.
 - The Council approved a rollover for Ed the Wizard into 2021.
 - The following have not responded to Amy’s request to update the Council on their programs:
 - Barbara Beach (paid \$100)
 - Dewey Hall (paid \$500)
 - Music in Common (\$500, have not paid)
 - IS 183 (paid \$200)
 - Ashley Falls Village (\$300, have not paid)
 - Greenagers (paid \$500)
 - Shakespeare & Co (paid \$600)

Amy will send them another reminder.

- To advertise the 2021 program, Hilary will write a piece for *The Sheffield Times* and Amy will write a press release for *The Shopper’s Guide* and other outlets.
- Paul noted that many of our regular grant applicants will apply without a reminder that the **application deadline is Nov. 17.**
- The Council unanimously voted to reinstate Amy Rudnick as President, Paul O’Brien as Treasure, and Hilary Russell as Secretary.
- Paul suggested that we investigate the possibility of the Council’s awarding funds to itself to sponsor events at a felicitous time next year in light of Covid-19 and other unforeseen factors. Amy will investigate.
- Amy will check with the Selectmen to see if we can ZOOM at the next meeting.
- Hilary suggested that we consider creating a rubric for the council members to use to facilitate our meetings, especially as we evaluate the applications.
- The Council adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hilary Russell